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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/789,930	Applicant(s) KOBAYASHI ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert B. Davis	Art Unit 1722	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1 and 2 are objected to because of the following informalities:

On line 6 of claim 1, "on both side" should be "on both sides".

On line 9 of claim 1, "blow-core members ," should be "blow-core members,".

On lines 4-5 of claim 2, "and a set plate of stretch rod" should be "and a set plate for a stretch rod".

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 and 2 are allowed over the prior art of record.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a blow molding machine comprising, a plurality of pillars set up facing on a seat on a base located above a blow mold; a stationary platen provided bridging on the top portions of the pillars; a moving cylinder set on both sides of the stationary platen; and a holding plate of blow-core members, which is connected with a piston rod of the moving cylinder, and in which the pillars are inserted vertically movable; and a clamp plate projecting at both ends from the holding plate outwardly, and a clamp block, which includes internally a pair of hydraulic cylinders to clamp the clamp plate from both sides with rams when the holding plate is in the lower limit position, which is provided on both sides of the seat. The closest prior art (JP reference 6-218802) discloses a stationary block (24) attached to a mounting base (10b) and a moving block (26) movable relative to the stationary block,

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wherein a locking unit is provided. The locking unit drives a peg (44) into a hole in the moving block to lock the core molds during a blowing operation; however, the reference fails to disclose a clamp plate projecting at both ends from the holding plate outwardly, and a clamp block, which includes a pair of hydraulic cylinders to clamp the clamp plate from both sides with rams when the holding plate is in the lower limit position, which is provided on both sides of the seat.

Conclusion

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The minor objections to claims 1 and 2.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

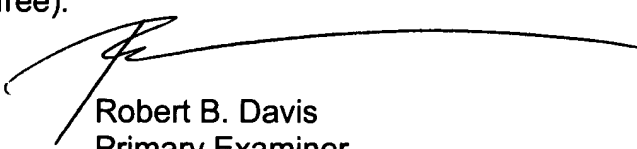
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-1129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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